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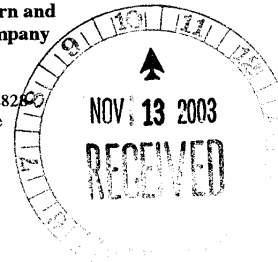
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Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 393X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Tolna and Hamar, North Dakota

Dear Secretary Williams:

On May 3, 2002, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of a 6.00-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 92.00 in Tolna, Nelson County, North Dakota and railroad milepost 98.00 in Hamar, Eddy County, North Dakota. The line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code 58380. This letter is to advise you that abandonment of the subject line will be consummated on November 30, 2003.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (817) 352-2354 or Sarah.Bailiff@BNSF.com.

Sincerely,


Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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cc: North Dakota PSC
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